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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON

20 March 1961

Dear Mr. Dulles:

I understand that [redacted]
of Fort Worth, Texas, is interested in employment
with the Central Intelligence Agency.

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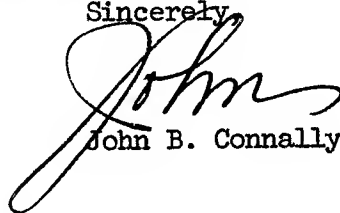
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I have had the pleasure of knowing Mr.
[redacted] for approximately eight years and know him
to be an extremely capable, loyal and trustworthy
person. I would not hesitate for one minute to
recommend him for any position he might be seeking.

I would appreciate, personally, any
consideration you might give [redacted]

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Sincerely,


John B. Connally

Honorable Allen Dulles,
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D.C.

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17 March 1961

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

STAT Senator Smathers called me on Friday afternoon, 17 March, regard-
STAT ing [] of Fort Worth, Texas. The Senator said that he had
STAT spoken to the President, the Vice President, the Secretary of the Navy,
and Kenneth O'Donnell about [] and found that [] was well known
to the Vice President (who offered to call the Director in [] behalf),
the Secretary of Defense and the Secretary of the Navy. Senator Smathers
said that []

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STAT [] was well suited
STAT to work for CIA and would be a distinct asset to some of the things in
which we are now engaged. He urged us to seek the opinions of the Vice
President, the Secretaries of the Navy and Defense, and Mr. Hoover on
[] qualifications and all-around suitability.

STAT Senator Smathers made it clear that he did not want [] to
STAT come to Washington for an interview unless we had something definitely
in mind for him. He remarked that it would be a waste of [] and
our time to see him here just to be polite.

STAT I told the Senator that I would like a little time to discuss this with
the Director and others in the Agency and would be in touch with him
early next week. Senator Smathers said this was fine with him since he
was leaving for Florida this afternoon and would not return until late
Tuesday. He asked that I personally call him Wednesday and again re-
peated he could not too highly recommend [] to us. He also
STAT added that both the Secretaries of Defense and Navy had indicated an
STAT interest in finding a place for [] but he had squelched this
since [] wanted to "get back into cloak and dagger operations."

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Executive Officer

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Mr. Dulles:

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STAT Attached is the correspondence, including a letter from Secretary Connally, on Mr. [] You may wish to mention to the Secretary that we have received his letter and have heard many good things about [] STAT

TAT I have talked to [] and [] about employment and STAT
STAT the best we can come up with at the moment is the possibility of using him in connection with our [] points out that while he has no language qualifications, we may be able to use him initially on a contract basis and if he works out, pick him up at a later date. In any event, [] would like the opportunity to talk with [] STAT

STAT I therefore recommend that you call Senator Smathers on Wednesday and advise him that there is a possibility we can make use of [] STAT
services and would like to talk to him at an early date. I see no reason we should not offer to pay his expenses from [] to Washington and return. STAT

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